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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Kimura, et al.
Application Number: 09/771,043
Filing Date: January 26, 2001
Title: IMMOBILIZED NUCLEIC ACID
AND METHOD FOR DETECTING
NUCLEIC ACID
Examiner Name: Siew, Jeffrey
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() Two Month (\$205/\$410)

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